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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on August 7, 2006 and April 12, 2004, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Decision of Refusal that was mailed on November 14, 2006 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-431862, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-085406; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 1-241001, together with an English language Abstract and an English language partial translation thereof.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Decision of Refusal.

Applicant notes that above-noted document (1) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on August 7, 2006. Thus, a copy of document (1) is not provided herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted document (2), including the noted English language Abstract and partial translation, is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese Decision of Refusal and an English language translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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